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Marlene H. Dortch, Esquire  
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445 12th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

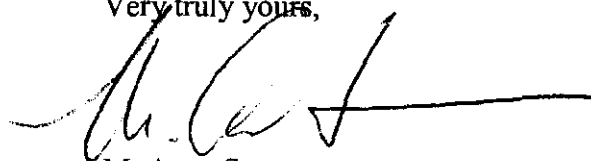
Re: *Ex Parte* Communication  
MM Docket Nos. 01-235 and 96-197

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Media General, Inc. ("Media General"), I hereby transmit an *ex parte* submission related to the above-captioned dockets. The submission are letters sent by telecopy by J. Stewart Bryan III to Chairman Michael K. Powell, Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner Kevin J. Martin and Commissioner Michael J. Copps.

In accordance with 47 C.F.R Section 1.1206(b), two copies of this letter are being submitted for each of the above-referenced dockets.

Very truly yours,



M. Anne Swanson

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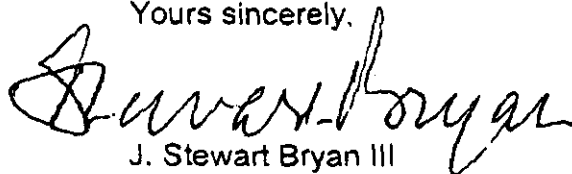
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Today's decision is wrong. Worse, it ties action on cross-ownership, where complete repeal is the only possible answer, to Commission action on other, far more divisive rules. While the Commission delays, local news and local communities are hurt as more and more local news operations are pulled from the air because they are uneconomic. Sadly, repeal, and the lessons learned from convergence, instead could be bringing better, faster, deeper local news to these communities. We have made these same points to you in person as recently as May 29.

Today's action cannot be squared with the 1996 Telecommunications Act. We ask that the Commission consider the true public-interest and keep cross-ownership on a separate, fast track.

Yours sincerely,

  
J. Stewart Bryan III



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